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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed September 12, 2002, in the above referenced application.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required since this response is being filed before the expiration of the specified time period. Applicants, however, conditionally petition for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked and is required. As provided below charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105** for any required fee.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3 and 4, without prejudice.